

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the potential siting of a major airport in central Thurston County. Thurston County residents enjoy a mostly quiet, rural way of life. The airport would destroy that, displacing thousands of families from their homes and farms and shuttering dozens of businesses, churches and schools.

An airport of this size would have detrimental traffic and pollution impacts for surrounding communities, decreasing their quality of life, devaluing their properties and increasing the crime rate, as airports are a hotspot for drugs and human trafficking. An airport would also have devastating impacts on local wildlife, wetlands, lakes, and rivers.

I only recently learned of the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission's work, and I do not believe they have made sufficient attempts to hear from the impacted public or appropriately inform local elected officials. You have a duty to proactively contact and hear from people whose homes and businesses would be destroyed to make way for this commercial project. I want to be very clear: Thurston County residents do not want or need a new airport here.

Respectfully,

Matt Ferrel